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Preparing children for success in life



NEWSLETTER: 10th Feb. 2011

Welcome back to a new school year. We have three new pupils and four five year olds starting early in the year.

The children seem happy to be back to school and thank you parents for having them organised with books etc. to start the year.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

First meeting of the year is on Monday 14th February at 7.30pm. Minutes etc. have been sent home with children for Board members.

FUND RAISING:

A big thank you to all those who helped on the fundraising stall at the Strawberry Fare last year. A special thank you to Simon Hawke for his organisational skills. Simon spent a lot of time organising products and people to work on the stall. The final tally has not yet been worked out as there are a few expenses to be reimbursed. I will let you know in the near future just how much money was raised.

BUSING:

During the holidays a second bus was purchased. We now have a "north" run and a "south run" which seems to be working really well. We are fortunate to have two excellent drivers in Mrs. Brosnahan and Mrs. Palmer.

Fiona, Roxanne & Ken, David, Jackie and Eileen were very helpful in getting the new bus. Jackie and Sue have worked hard to design the new runs and Karen has been very helpful getting the new bus signs which have raised our profile. The behaviour of the children on the buses has been excellent this week and the drivers found it hard to work out the bus passengers for the week!

BUS PASSENGER: T1 Wk 1:

North Bus – Ashlyn Fenwick.

South Bus – Ethan Finch & Lachlan Finch.

ROOM TWO:

CLASS ACTIVITIES:

Welcome back to Room 2 children and to the children who have joined us from Room 1, Shya, Zoe, Ashlyn, Rogan Joe and Lucy.

A special welcome to Ethan and Lachlan Finch who are new pupils to the school.

The children are settling in well with routines. We have begun Numeracy and Reading testing. During reading we have been learning about fossils, Maori Rock Art and Rocks (which is one of our major focuses this term).

Miss Blissett and I have been team teaching this week. We have clearly set out unified expectations and procedures for the children so that confusion should be minimal. If you have any concerns please let me know.

The children are enjoying swimming and are looking forward to ability group lessons with Mrs. Nooy next week.

A reminder to parents to please return Internet Safety Forms which were sent home yesterday in order for your child to use the internet.

J. Palmer.

EVENTS FOR TERM 1:

FEBRUARY:

N.Z. Swimsafe Programme – school wide – Monday 14th to Friday 25th.

Life Education Caravan 22nd Feb.

Rural Schools Swimming sports – 23rd Feb.

Mobile Kindy Visit 25th Feb.

MARCH:

Proposed trip to Timaru Museum am. and visit to Rock Art Centre pm. – 2nd March.

Bible In Schools starts 3rd March.

Proposed Whole School Camp 9th to 11th March Dansey's Pass.

ROOM ONE:

Welcome back from the summer holiday break. All of the children have settled into routines exceptionally well and are keen for learning. You should have found our overview of the term's learning in your child's reading folder this week.

We have welcomed Rowan Trainor to the class and are looking forward to Pippa Hawke joining us for school visits shortly.

Our NZ Swimsafe programme runs for the next two weeks and Miss Blissett will be teaching in room one for the afternoons while I work poolside (or in the water) with all of the children school wide. The rural swimming sports at the Waimate pool slot in here during the second week of our programme also.

Thank you to those that have sent back your 'parent response form' from last year's profile. We will be goal setting over the next couple of days and a copy will come home in reading folders. The children have chosen an Easter Party to celebrate their 'end of term behaviour reward' and are working very keenly to earn reward ticks and stickers.

Our maths this week has been revisiting number knowledge activities mainly in the form of 'games for learning' and for reading, we have been getting back into the habit of '*learning to read*'. If you have any queries regarding work your child is receiving, please get in touch – anytime.

Karen

SWIMMING

As part of the Physical Education core curriculum Mrs Nooy will be running our schoolwide NZ Swimsafe programme over the next two weeks where all of the children are expected to be in the pool daily for instructional lessons following the NZ Swimsafe guidelines (unless of course they are unwell and bring a note to exempt them from swimming). Mrs Nooy is a qualified coach for the Waimate Amateur Swimming Club and coaches in Waimate twice a week. The children are grouped in ability progressions and rotated through 20 minute slots during the afternoon. Your child is welcome to wear thermals over togs if they are feeling the cold. Thank you for support for our 'Learn to Swim' programme.

SWIMMING POOL:

I have a letter from the District Health Board about the importance of avoiding diarrhoea contamination in pools after an outbreak of cryptosporidium caused problems in Timaru. No one who has had an attack of diarrhoea in the previous two weeks should be in the pool.

LIBRARY:

The children will visit the Library every Friday morning to return and take out new books for the week.

Children wanting access during the week can arrange this with their class teachers.

SCHOOL DATES:

Term 1: 7th Feb – 15th April.

Term 2: 2nd May to 15th July.

Term 3: 1st Aug – 7th Oct.

Term 4: 25th Oct – 13th Dec.

Enjoy the nice sunny days.

John, Karen, Susanne, Andrea and Eileen.

KIDS CAN DO IT TRYATHLON:

This is on Sunday 27th February. Teams of 2 or 3 or as individuals can register. The emphasis is on participation and fun. I have detailed information at school for anyone interested in entering. Entering a team would be good fun. Time 1.00pm for Registration. 2.00pm Start. Venue Maori Park Pool and Caroline Bay.



